GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1226
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TELEPHONE FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing rules for laying of underground cable;

(b) whether the underground cable is being laid less than one feet deep in some districts of Jharkhand State;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether several telephone exchanges are out of order in the State particularly Giddi telephone exchange for one month; and

(f) if so, the time by which these are likely to be made functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) As per the existing rules the underground cable are to be normally laid at a depth of one meter.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d): Not applicable in view of (b) above.

(e) & (f): There is no such report of failure of the Giddi Telephone Exchange for one month. However, there are some problems in some of the telephone exchanges of Jharkhand Telecom Circle due to the following reasons as per the details given in the Annexure.

i) Exchanges connected on unreliable media
ii) Failure of small exchanges primarily due to lightening.
iii) Prolonged commercial electric supply failure.
iv) Extremist activities

ANNEXURE

1. Hazaribagh SSA:

The following four Exchanges under the Hazaribagh SSA are working on unreliable media on over head alignment:-

(a) Badam

(b) Keredari

(c) Arkhango

(d) Barkatha

All these Exchanges are planned to be connected on reliable OFC by March, 2002 subject to availability of equipments.

2. Daltonganj SSA:

Pandu:- Exchange has been burnt by extremist on 16.2.01 and they are disturbing the progress of installation & restoration process.

3. Dhanbad SSA:

(a) Bermo: Due to heavy storm, the antenna of UHF media was disoriented.Due to this the exchange worked without media for 5 days from 12.5.2001 to 16.5.2001. Now it is working alright.

(b) Nawadih: Electric power is not available there. Media is on over head alignment. The work is in progress to link the exchange on OFC which is likely to be completed within three months after receiving the equipments.

(c) Tupkadih:- Due to absence of media the exchange is non-functional. To revive the exchange on OFC media, work in progress and likely to be completed within a month.

(d) Bhandaridah:- Media is non-functional since 18.6.2001 due to major fault in the UHF system.The exchange will be restored within 15 days time.